



Ballot Forum Questionnaire

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Wednesday, 12/06*

1. Are you registered as a Democrat? Yes
2. Are you a member of the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club No
3. Are you a member of the Noe Valley Democratic Club? No
4. Why should the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club support your candidacy?
I intend to bring a progressive, pragmatic, and urbanist parent's voice to the DCCC. I am a senior representative for the Nor Cal Carpenters Union and a member of Carpenters Local 22, a member of the Geary CAC, a renter, and public school parent. I will stand up for the majority of San Franciscans who have no interest in petty political games, who want to see real results for our City and our children – excellent public schools, more housing, safe and connected public transit, and a public safety response that doesn't betray our values but does allow people to be safe and secure in their home and in their community.
5. Did you support the Board of Education Recall? Why/Why Not?* In the end I did, though I would have preferred they faced the voters in a general election. That said, the previous school board failed our students in many ways, for example –, by failing to take the time when schools were closed to make improvements to the physical plant so that schools could open safely, and remain open. Serious improvements could have been made to improve ventilation, spacing, and other interior systems that would continue to pay dividends as we enter another winter of respiratory viruses.

The problems of SFUSD go beyond the school board. Teachers still have problems getting paid. My daughter's school no longer has a school nurse. There are serious physical plant issues. Our city leadership, including the DCCC, should be a stronger voice for students, teachers, and parents to demand a better and more just public school system. Otherwise, we will continue to lose families to either private schools or to other school districts.

6. Did you support the District Attorney Recall? Why/Why Not?* No, because I believe the DA election should have gone to the voters in a regular election. That said, I agree with many of the critiques leveled at the former DA, and recognize that many communities felt unsafe because of his actions or policies taken (or not taken). Public safety is incredibly complex, and is bigger than one person. The current DCCC failed in taking into account what every day San Franciscans were telling them.

It's also worth noting that in my role with the Carpenters union, we interact with DA Jenkins's office on a regular basis, bringing to the office cases of wage theft, fraud, and other labor abuses. The office has been very responsive, and we are excited about continuing to work with the DA to address serious issues of exploitation, primarily of immigrant workers, on SF construction sites.

For AD 17 Candidates

7. What are your 3 core policy issues you care about which affect the eastern half of the city the most?*
8. If elected, how do you see yourself as being able to influence these problems?*

For AD 19 Candidates

9. What are your 3 core policy issues you care about which affect the western half of the city the most?*

Housing: The west side needs more housing, particularly along major corridors, at all levels of affordability. More housing will support our businesses and help address the widespread retail/commercial vacancy issues in some areas. The City should strongly advocate for housing built with labor standards that uplift all working people. The people building our city deserve good wages, healthcare, and training opportunities.

Safe streets and public transit: The west side needs better pedestrian infrastructure, built out in concert with improved muni service. More rapid lines, more bike lanes, and more pedestrian car free and "slow" spaces will improve transit and make our streets safer.

Schools: While there are excellent public schools throughout the City, many families are on the west side. But our schools face many of the same issues as seen on the east

side: crumbling infrastructure, under resourced – particularly of support staff, lack of space in after care programs, and the lack of a safe route to school.

10. If elected, how do you see yourself as being able to influence these problems?*

Obviously, the DCC plays a key endorsement role. Of late, they have consistently backed candidates and ballot measures that block the construction of needed housing, prioritize parking spaces over public transit, and do not support safe pedestrian spaces. I will endorse candidates and policies that are aligned with progressive, urbanist values.

But the DCCC can and should be more than an endorsement platform. The DCCC should be setting the policy agenda for the Democratic party because it should be representative of ALL democrats. The DCCC should take a stronger organizing role in the City, bringing folks together and strongly advocating for policies that democrats believe in. The DCCC and the party should be in all our communities, working with grassroots organizations and leaders, hearing every day San Franciscan's concerns and frustrations, and moving them to action.